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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RAPE OF FINIPINA BY COMMANDER OF CAMP O'DONNELL

1. CASE OF ALLEGED RAPE OF FILIPINA BY COMMANDER OF CAMP O'DONNELL (REPORTED IN DETAIL THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS) IS ATTRACTING GROWING ATTENTION IN PHILIPPINE MEDIA. DAILY EXPRESS OF AUGUST 30 CARRIES FOLLOWING EDITORIAL WHICH WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INSPIRED. BEGIN QUOTE. RENEWED STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL DIGNITY.

IT IS ONLY CONSISTENT FOR OUR AGENCIES AND OUR CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE OF ANOTER PEREZ-- REBECCA P. PEREZ, A 23-YEAR-OLD FINIPINA BAR ATTENDANT WHO CLAIMS SHE WAS RAPED BY A U.S. AIR FORCE COLONEL IN HIS OFFICE AT CAMP O'DONNELL IN CAPAS, TARLAC. THIS TIME, THE FILIPINA IS NOT THE ACCUSED, BUT THE COMPLAINANT, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IS RIGHT HERE IN OUR HOMELAND, NOT IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT ONE ISSUE REMAINS THE SAME: THE PROTECTION OF
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FILIPINO RIGHTS AND DIGNITY AGAINST THE AMERICAN BRAND OF JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY AND ITS MACHINATIONS WHICH HAVE, TOO OFTEN, DEPRIVED THE FILIPINO ACCUSED OR COMPLAINANTS OF THE DUE COURSE OF JUSTICE.

WHILE WE DO NOT PREJUDGE THE GUILT OF THE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN, LT. COL, THOMAS WILSON, CAMP COMMANDER OF

THE COMMUNICATION STATION, WE HAVE TO DEPLORE AND BE
WARY OF OBVIOUS OR VEILED ATTEMPTS TO AGAIN SNATCH THE
RAPE CASE FROM THE JURISDICTION OF PHILIPPINE COURTS
OR TO UNJUSTLY SHIELD THE ACCUSED WITH TECHNICALITIES
AND PROVISIONS OF THE RP-US BASES AGREEMENTS.

IT TAKES MORAL COURAGE TO PURSUE A RAPE COMPLAINT.
THIS THE COMPLAINANT HAS SHOWN. RESOURCES ARE ALSO
NEEDED, LAWYERS AND MONEY AT THE LEAST. HERE, PEREZ
MAY FIND DIFFICULTY. THEN TOO, SHE NEEDS THE MORAL
SUPPORT, THE COURAGE AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT CAN ONLY
SPRING FROM THE FEELING THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN ARE BEHIND
YOU IN YOUR FIGHT FOR JUSTICE.

IT IS IN MEETING THESE REQUISITES THAT EACH ONE
OF US MAY PITCH IN. END QUOTE.

2. DAILY EXPRESS OF AUGUST 27 CARRIED FOLLOWING PIECE
BY VALENCIA: BEGIN QUOTE. THE U.S. AIR FORCE WANTS
TO TRY A U.S. COLONEL FOR RAPE. THE OLD GAME IS BE-
ING PLAYED --ANYTHING TO STOP PHILIPPINE COURTS FROM
TAKING JURISDICTION OVER AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. IF
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BRAKE THE ABUSES OF
THEIR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL, THEY SHOULD BE REMANDED TO
LOCAL COURTS, WHEREVER THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS PATTERNED
AFTER THE AMERICAN COURTS. BY SHIELDING AMERICAN OFFICERS
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AGAINST LOCAL COURTS, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ABUSE
BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'RE UNTOUCHABLES--SUPERMEN."
END QUOTE.

3. CLARK'S REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF JURISDICTION HAS
NOT YET ARRIVED AT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FROM LOCAL
FISCAL BUT THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT REQUEST WILL
BE DENIED WHEN RECEIVED. IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT WHAT-
EVER JUSTICE'S RULING, THIS CASE HAS ALL THE INGREDIENTS
FOR CAUSE CELEBRE IN CURRENT SETTING.
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